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TAGS: SHU, UNHRC, PINS, IR, US, KS
SUBJECT: SUBCOMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION:
DR. HOMER JACK URGES SUBCOMMISSION TO ACT ON BEHALF
OF AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN IRAN, AND ON KIM-DAE-JUNG
REF: STATE 225910 (NOTAL) GENEVA 11374 (NOTAL)
1. (LOU) DR. JACK ADDRESSED THE SUBCOMMISSION ON
AUGUST 25, READING A PREPARED STATEMENT. HE DID
NOT REPEAT HIS REQUEST FOR TALKING POINTS/BACK-
GROUND MATERIAL ON THE HOSTAGES ISSUE, AND UPON
REFLECTION WE DECIDED NOT TO VOLUNTEER IT.
2. (U) IN HIS STATEMENT DR. JACK URGED THE SUB-
COMMISSION TO
--TAKE SOME ACTION ON BEHALF OF THE AMERICAN HOSTAGES
--CABLE THE SOUTH KOREAN GOVERNMENT THAT THE SUB-
COMMISSION IS "FOLLOWING THE TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG
WITH DEEP CONCERN".
3. (LOU) DR. JACK SPOKE LATE IN THE DAY, AND THERE
WAS NO IMMEDIATE REACTION TO HIS REMARKS FROM
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SUBCOMMISSION MEMBERS OR OTHERS PRESENT.
4. (U) FOLLOWING IS THE COMPLETE TEXT OF DR. JACK'S
REMARKS:
BEGIN TEXT:
STATEMENT BY THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELIGION AND
PEACE, AND INTERNATIONAL NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION
IN CONSULTATIVE STATUS, CATEGORY II, WITH THE
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (ECOSOC). DELIVERED BY
DR. HOMER A. JACK, SECRETARY-GENERAL, ON AUGUST 26,
1982 TO THE THIRTY-THIRD SESSION OF THE U.N.
SUB-COMMISSION ON PREVENTION OF DISCRIMINATION
AND PROTECTION OF MINORITIES.
THE OFFICERS OF THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON RELIGION
AND PEACE HAVE ASKED, FOR REASONS OF URGENCY, THAT
I RAISE TWO SPECIAL MATTERS UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM
ON THE HUMAN RIGHTS OF PERSONS SUBJECT TO ANY FORM
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OF DETENTION OR IMPRISONMENT.

BOTH MATTERS ARE URGENT.

BOTH MATTERS MERIT IMMEDIATE CONSIDERATION BY MEMBERS OF THIS SUB-COMMISSION.

BOTH MATTERS ARE SO WELL KNOWN TO THE WORLD COMMUNITY AND TO EXPERTS THAT IT IS NOT NECESSARY FOR ME TO SPEND TIME DESCRIBING EACHSITUATION OR SUGGESTING HOW EACH RELATES TO THIS AGENDA ITEM. QUITE APRT FROM WHY THESE PERSONS ARE IN DETENTION, OUR ORGANIZATION IS CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT IS HAPPENING TO THEIR HUMAN RIGHTS WHILE IN DETENTION: THEIR

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PROTECTION UNDER EXISTING INTERNATIONAL STANDARDS.

I REFER FIRST TO THE CURRENT COURT-MARTIAL TRIAL OF KIM DAE JUNG IN THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA. THERE IS PRECEDENT FOR THIS SUB-COMMISSION TO SHOW URGENT CONCERN FOR A SINGLE INDIVIDUAL AND THUS THIS SUB-COMMISSION COULD VOTE TO CABLE THE GOVERNMENT OF SOUTH KOREA ASSERTING AT THE VERY LEAST THAT IT IS FOLLOWING THE TRIAL WITH DEEP CONCERN. THE WORLD IS WATCHING THIS TRIAL AS IT HAS VIEWED ONLY A FEW OTHERS IN OUR TIME.

I ALSO REFER TO THE 52 AMERICANS BEING KEPT HOSTAGE IN THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN. THERE MAY BE FEW PRECEDENTS OF THIS ACTION IN ONE NATION AGAINST SO MANY DIPLOMATIC PERSONNEL FOR SO MANY MONTHS, BUT CERTAINLY THERE IS PRECEDENT IN THE U.S. SYSTEM IN ATTEMPTING TO DEAL WITH THIS SPECIFIC SITUATION, INCLUDING THE COMMITTEE APPOINTED SOME MONTHS AGO BY THE U.N. SECRETARY-GENERAL, A MEMBER OF WHICH IS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THIS SUB-COMMISSION.

I REFER TO THESE TWO MATTERS WITH A SINGLE REQUEST: THAT THIS SUB-COMMISSION EVEN AT THIS LATE DATE BECOME SEIZED WITH BOTH ISSUES--TO HELP A TOTAL OF 53 PERSONS UNDER DETENTION AND IMPRISONMENT.

BY ATTEMPTING TO INVOLVE ITSELF IN THESE TWO MATTERS, THIS SUB-COMMISSION CAN DEMONSTRATE TO AN INCREASINGLY SCEPTICAL WORLD COMMUNITY THAT THE U.N. SYSTEM CAN RESPOND QUICKLY, SENSITIVELY, AND COMPASSIONATELY TO GROSS VIOLATIONS OF HUMAN RIGHTS. I REFLECT THE WORDS OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIVISION

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OF HUMAN RIGHTS, MR. THEO C. VAN BOVEN, WHEN HE RECENTLY TOLD THIS SUB-COMMISSION THAT MACHINERY MUST BE FOUND TO MEET THE HOPES AND EXPECTATIONS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY SO THAT THE U.N. CAN "TAKE ACTION IN A SITUATION WHERE EVERY DAY COUNTS HEAVILY." EVERY DAY INDEED COUNTS HEAVILY FOR KIM DAE JUNG AND FOR 52 AMERICAN HOSTAGES. EVERY DAY COUNTS TO MAINTAIN PEACE AND INTERNATIONAL SECURITY BOTH IN THE KOREAN PENINSULA AND IN THE MIDDLE EAST, FOR THESE HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES OF INDIVIDUALS IMPINGE IN A UNIQUE WAY ON TENSE RELATIONS BETWEEN MAJOR STATES.

I HOPE THAT THE REACTION OF MEMBERS OF THIS SUB-COMMISSION TO THIS INTERVENTION WILL BE IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT IS MADE--OUT OF MUCH SADNESS AND SOME DESPERATION, BUT NOT OUT OF ANY CONTENTION OR ANY VINDICTIVENESS. I AM SURE THAT EACH MEMBER OF THIS SUB-COMMISSION WOULD AGREE WITH OUR DEEP CONCERN FOR THESE TWO MATTERS AND THAT THIS SUB-COMMISSION, UNDER THIS AGENDA ITEM, MIGHT DISCUSS NOT WHETHER IT SHOULD TAKE ACTION, BUT HOW--HOW THE

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SUB-COMMISSION CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND PROMPTLY, FOR A FEW DAYS OR A WEEK MAY BE TOO LATE.

MR. JUSTICE ABU SAYEED CHOWDHURY RECENTLY TOLD THIS SUB-COMMISSION THAT "IF THERE IS PAIN, IF THERE IS AGONY IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD, THIS SHOULD CONCERN ALL OF THE WORLD." THERE IS PAIN AND THERE IS AGONY FOR KIM DAE JUNG AND FOR THE 52 HOSTAGES AND THESE EMOTIONS SHOULD CONCERN THE WHOLE WORLD.
END TEXT. HELMAN
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